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THE MORNING ACT OF FAITH—

I believe on the Son of God
Therefore
I am in Him.
Having Redemption Through His Blood
and Life by his Spirit
He is in me
and all fullness is in **Him.**
To Him I belong by Creation, Purchase,
Conquest and Self-Surrender.
To me He belongs for all my hourly needs.
There is no cloud between
my Lord and me.
There is no difficulty, inward or outward
Which He is not ready to meet
in me to-day.
I believe I have received
not the Spirit of Fearfulness, but of
Power and Love and of a
Sound Mind.
The Lord is My Keeper
Amen.

H. C. G. Moule.
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FRANKLY WRITTEN TO OUR FRIENDS

Dear Friend of Missions:

"Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?"—2 Cor. 3:1. Our Missionaries are our epistle, written in many hearts. We wish they were "Known and read of all men," as the Apostle Paul says of the Corinthian converts to whom he is writing. We are writing to those who have long stood with us in sustaining the Pauls of today. By prayer and gift you have enabled these Missionaries to spread the Scriptures and preach the Gospel on three continents.

The Lord clearly planned that these workers should sow the Gospel seed over the countries of Europe for twenty years or more prior to the Second World War. Europe was as much a Mission Field as Africa, India, China or the islands of the Pacific; the Missionaries laboring there were as willingly and generously supported by our American Christian friends.

But the Second World War ruptured the well-grounded European Missions and closed our growing Sunday schools. Some Missionaries, especially the American workers, were driven out of the countries. The European-born were forced into Nazi service or have secretly continued their labors for the Lord. Our faith is strong that, if the Lord tarries, the Gospel preaching centers, the Sunday Schools and the Bible distribution will again be set up boldly in duplicate of our former labors.

"Our Missionaries are our epistles written in many hearts." Some day, perhaps soon, we will face the sudden shock of a touching appeal, a wholesale appeal, from these workers. They will ask the *American-European Fellowship* to return them to their European harvest fields! The problems of language and ability will not enter. They desire to resume service in their fields.

Our problem is to renew contact with praying and contributing friends in America, and to find others and more of them to replace those called home or otherwise interested in the interval. *The American-European Fellowship* is not about to start a Missionary enterprise. We are not just beginning in the European Harvest Field. We have labored there for years. Our Missionaries still labor; we are supporting all we can reach as funds have been provided. Our faith is strong because we have a past of much success, with the warm support of many Christian friends.

Now our Treasury is about empty, and if we wait very long for response to this appeal some of our workers in foreign countries will go hungry or resign and look for a new job. Frankly, we are asking for a continuance or renewal of your prayers and your gifts, and the request is dated today.

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ONLY ONE!

By W. S. HOTTEL

In practically everything, save Christianity, there is a great variety. Christianity is unique in every respect. There is but *one* Christianity and it stands alone and apart from all the religions of the world. It cannot be compared with these religions, because it has nothing in common with them. It is the *only* and it is *supreme*, just as Jesus Christ is the *only* and is *supreme*.

Only one class of people can ever be saved, namely, sinners, or those who are lost. The supreme purpose for which Jesus Christ came into the world is that He might save sinners. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (*I Tim.* 1:15). Jesus Himself declared, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (*Matt.* 9:13). All men by nature are sinners, but multitudes do not own nor confess that they are. For such there is no hope of salvation. Only those who own and confess themselves sinners before God can be saved.

Only one Being in all the universe has the right and power to save the lost. Jesus Christ alone can save sinners. He came into the world to save sinners; He died on the Cross to save sinners; He was raised from the dead and exalted at God's right hand to save sinners; He is appointed to save sinners; He is proclaimed in Scripture as the Saviour of sinners; and He *does save* all who receive Him by faith as their own personal Saviour.

Only one way has been provided whereby sinners may be saved. That way is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (*Acts* 16:31). "To him that worketh not, but believeth * * his faith is counted for righteousness" (*Rom.* 4:5). "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (*Eph.* 2:8). It is alone by faith in the Lord Jesus that sinners are saved. Good works, rectitude of character, morality, baptism, joining church, observing the Lord's supper and any kindred things do not save. These things are all good and right in their place, but they are not a means to salvation. Salvation is not something the sinner must work out or merit, but it is provided by Christ's redeeming work and the free gift of God to all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. The sinner cannot earn nor merit salvation; he must receive it as a free gift from God.

Only one thing remains for the sinner to do in order to be saved. He must come to Christ and believe on Him and receive Him to be saved. And he may come freely to Christ, since he is invited to come.

The invitation of the Gospel is the sinner's warrant. Here is an illustration that will show you what I mean. In the courts of law if a man be called as a witness, no sooner is his name mentioned than he rises to his feet and begins to walk up to the witness stand. Suppose some one would say, "Why is this man making his way up front?" or some one should interrupt him, asking, "Who are you that you are so boldly moving up front?" He might be asked, "Are you a friend of the judge, a person of rank, or a man of repute and special privilege?" To all these questions it would be sufficient for him to say, "My name was called." His only warrant for coming to the witness stand was the call he heard. But that is enough. Sinner friend, come to Jesus, for though you have nothing to recommend you to God, yet you are called, and it is written, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (*John* 6:37). Therefore, come as you are, and do not delay.

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Early readers of *The European Harvest Field* will remember that in March, 1925, Rev. W. S. Hottel, the writer of this tract, "Only One," became the Home Director of the *American-European Fellowship* and a member of the Executive Committee, at the same time assuming the editorship of the magazine. His labors in this connection had much to do with the development and enlargement of the society in this period, and he has since remained on the Board of Directors. Mr. Hottel is now President of the Denver Bible School, Denver, Colorado.

A GOOD LETTER FROM DR. YUK

Tel Aviv, Palestine, July 15.
(Received August 11, 1944)

Dear Miss Mitchell:

After almost every one of our evangelical meetings there remain some listeners, mostly young men, who desire to discuss the address delivered in the meeting. One young man said after such a meeting: "We need no God or Christ. The only thing we need is a Jewish state. It depends," he added, "on the will of X ..... (Mentioning a well-known statesman.) Had he only wanted and ordered it, we would now have our own state."

"And what then? What would happen after this?" we asked him.

"Oh! After this," he said, "we will have in every country our own Consulate."

We smiled and told him that it was not for that purpose God had created Israel, —not for "consulates," but for a far greater purpose; to glorify the Lord and to be "a light to the heathen."

"Is not Israel now a light for the heathen?" The young man did not want to hear about God at all. But we told him that Israel's future depended upon no man, but only on the will of Him who 2000 years ago scattered Israel among all nations, and only "He that scattered Israel will gather him." (*Jeremiah* 3:10.)

"Who scattered Israel?" we asked the young man. He did not want to answer.

'Imagine," Brother Ostrovski once said, addressing a meeting of numerous patients of the Clinic,—"Imagine that Israel would get now what he desires: his own state. He certainly will be expelled again, as he was 2000 years ago. Why? Because the cause of his expulsion was not and is not removed until this day."

Many times it was stressed to the Jewish listeners in our meetings that Israel, the Holy Land and Christ are links of one chain. If Christ, one of these links, be cast out of the chain, what will be the result? The result is that the links are shattered, and they will be shattered till, as it is written in Zachariah, "Israel will look upon (and accept) Him Whom they have pierced." Then the harmony of the links in the chain will be restored.

Recently the author of an editorial in a local paper mentioned the prayers in a day of mourning in connection with the sufferings of the Jews abroad. Closing the article, he expressed his desire, and certainly not his alone, when he said:

"Oh! May the nations listen attentively to these prayers in the day of mourning!"

In this connection I remember a story which I heard not long ago. A little boy prayed on Chrismas eve that the Lord may send him Christmas toys. But he prayed so loudly that his mother was alarmed. She came to him and asked: "What are you shouting so for?"

"I am praying," said the boy. "Yes, I know you are praying, but why do you shout so? God is not deaf," said the mother.

"Yes," answered the little boy; "I know God is not deaf, but grandmother is."

"May the nations listen to these prayers in the day of mourning." Is it not symbolical and tragic at the same time!

There are here many disciples and followers of Christ, believers in Him, but they are afraid to show any signs of their faith. These Jewish "disciples" believe secretly. They fear persecution from other Jews. Any Jew who has a job in Tel Aviv and begins to believe in Christ will lose his job because of his faith and will be treated as an outcast!

A Jew in Tel Aviv may believe in whatsoever he desires; he may belong to any political party; he may even be guilty of a deeply immoral life,—he will not be persecuted by other Jews. But if he dares to proclaim his faith in Christ he will be persecuted and ill-treated! I could never before imagine anything like this.

If some one begins to attend these meetings more often and repeatedly visits the Hall Peniel, he is traced out by other Jews and threatened! Many of those attending, and who became deeply impressed by the Word of God, have suddenly disappeared. When casually met afterward on the street, they told us they were threatened and are obliged to stop attending the meetings, which they have come to like. So Satan is working, the eternal enemy of Christ.

On the other hand, we have fine and well-attended evangelical meetings (among the patients) in the Clinic. Unlike attendance at the Hall Peniel, the Jewish patients do not fear to sit calmly and listen to the Word of God. They always have a ready excuse before other Jews. They were sick and were obliged to come to the Clinic for treatment. Yes, there was an evangelical meeting and they were in the meeting, but they came for treatment and not to hear the Gospel. Such is their "excuse."

But the fact is that they have heard the Gospel. In eternity, before the Judge, they will have no excuse that they did not hear. So is Christ working, and nobody will or can destroy His work. It will be continued as long as He permits or until He will come. And He will come soon! Let us work and wait. Yours in Him.

JAMES YUK.

"THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION"

We urge upon our friends the reading of an important study in the Old Testament by B. A. M. Shapiro, 676 Bible House, 45 Astor Place, New York 3, N. Y. The full title is "*The Hope of the Resurrection and Immortality in the Old Testament,*" and immediately following the address of the author is the inscription, "Published for free distribution by the author." To stimulate interest and increase the number of readers, we quote the two final paragraphs from the booklet:

"Paul, in the 11th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, reviews briefly the story of the faith of the race, led from place to place, but sure always that the promises of Jehovah meant far more than temporal blessings or prosperity and were for a home and life after the wandering should have ceased and the last earthly sleep. By faith, Paul wrote, Abraham and Isaac and Jacob "*Looked for a city whose builder and maker is God.*" All Jews except the Sadducees, who in more than a thousand years had won but a small following, believed there would be a general resurrection of the dead at the coming of the Messiah.

"Finally, every Christian over whose body the solemnly beautiful services of the Church are said, goes to his grave from recital of the ever comforting, inspiring, triumphant proclamation of the faith of the ancient Jewish patriarch, Job, distinct as words can be made, telling of his knowledge of the resurrection:

"I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, ... and not another."

What sublime Faith! The booklet is yours on making a request,—an opportunity to create or to renew and enlarge faith in God and the eternal life.

QUESTIONING THE AFTERMATH

The five World War Loans, and perhaps other loans to come, were necessary to provide means for lend-lease and for training and outfitting our land, sea and air forces and providing the means to slay the enemy until they can be persuaded to cease their effort to obtain world control. But they are already, so it is said, planning for the raising and training of millions,—perhaps billions,—of babies to go through the whole awful slaughter again. Loss of battles and territory in this conflict has not in any way led them to regret this war or the killing of whole armies. Can it be that the aftermath of enormous rehabilitation labors, with wholesale acts of kindness, charity and brotherly love will fail to soften their hardened hearts or create a desire for peace and love in the place of hatred for their fellow-man?

A WORD TO MISSIONARY RECRUITS AND SUPPORTERS

The Missionary enterprise is today facing one of the greatest crises in its whole history. This colossal world war has struck it a heavy blow, interrupted the normal processes of Missionary activity in many fields, temporarily closed the door to some countries, and imposed serious handicaps and difficulties upon the entire work of Missions.

We recognize all this as the work of the great Adversary of God's Missionary cause. But God is greater than the Adversary, and He has not merely neutralized these blows aimed against His cause, but has actually turned them to the advantage and advancement of that cause. The visible results of Missionary work in the salvation of souls, the building up of converts, and the development of indigenous churches have been greater during these war years than ever before.

Missionary leaders are agreed that the prospects in most if not all fields at the close of the war are brighter than ever, and they are giving themselves to much prayer and to earnest appeal that God's people shall be ready by every possible means to take fullest advantage of the new post-war open doors for an ingathering of souls and a vigorous advance on all Mission fronts. Obviously the first steps will be the return to the field of the many Missionaries detained at home by the war, and the bringing home for needed rest and recuperation of many now there who have been carrying on for prolonged terms of service under heavy war strain. But a large number of new recruits will also be needed to fill the gaps made by death and retirement, and to reinforce the thinned and altogether insufficient forces for the effective advance in view.

Recruits of the highest quality are called for, and we rejoice to know that not a few such are already available, and only waiting for the removal of the present barriers to their going forth. We also rejoice in the increase of Missionary vision and concern among the Lord's people, so that many individuals and groups are ready to stand back of these new recruits, and of the whole Missionary program, by prayer and financial support. It is to these fine young recruits and these faithful intercessors and donors at home that the I. F.M.A. (Interdenominational Foreign Missionary Association), comprising about a score of the best known and accredited Missionary agencies, feels constrained to offer in the booklet, "Attention," a word of kindly and earnest counsel.

The booklet, "*Attention! Missionary Recruits and Supporters,*" contains such important titles as "Existing Agencies Adequate," "Pioneer Work Continuing," and "Some Serious Points to Consider." Copies can be had free by addressing the I. F. M. A., 237 West School Lane, Philadelphia 44, Pa., or our own Society, which is one of the eighteen sustaining beneficiaries of the I. F. M. A.

From the above-offered booklet we quote: "It is generally believed that we are nearing the end of the present age, and that this is the eleventh hour of God's working day." The "trade mark" on all I. F. M. A. publications is "The Eleventh Hour" on the face of a clock, with its hands pointing to eleven, and surrounded by the very significant words: "Shall Christian Missions be guilty of *too little, too late!*"

TWO MEN RAISE $35,000,000 IN ONE EVENING

It is familiar news that two prize fighters recently offered themselves in combat solely for the "entertainment" of all who would buy a war bond. The seating capacity,—probably the largest in our country,—was nearly all occupied. This one prize fight was the incentive for the purchase of $35,000,000 of government war bonds of the Fifth Series. Just a drop in the bucket of the total which our Government needs so far for World War No. 2, and probably more to come. I have the complete figures of our Lend-Lease Loans to other countries up to May 31st, a matter of $26,908,000,000 in its totals so far, with more to go.

SEPARATED MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

Monetary requirements, both personal and general, of denominational missionary centers are not usually difficult to satisfy. Contributions for Missions under the denominations seem to flow easily, and there is usually a surplus in the treasury. Perhaps the appeal is denominational and a definite part of their annual program, and the answer comes partly from pride in the sect and a wish to maintain and expand it. Nevertheless it is the Spirit and the Truth from which the results flow.

An undenominational Missionary Society can make no such appeal; there is no pride or interest of ownership urging the steady flow and growth of donations for Missions. Such gifts as come to entirely separated Missionary enterprises are due either to interest in the country or the individual worker stationed there, or his letters to the Home Office reproduced in the Society publication or magazine,—stimulated primarily, of course, by the command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

But the blessing of our Lord is upon those who aid the preaching of His Gospel in any way, denominationally or collectively or individually. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."—*Matt.* 28:19, 20.

OUR GUIDE

By Phoebe Woodiwiss

If there's aught that I should know,
To my Bible I will go.
It has helped me from my youth;
It has always told the truth.

If you read it for His sake,
Of His blessings you'll partake.
It will lead you to His fold,
Sheltered safe from all the cold.

If we've read it through and through,
To each other we'll be true.
Then in union we may stand,
Hold God's Word in heart and hand.

Oh, the unbelief of man!
Stamp it out where'er you can.
Man would change God's Word for you,
Make it weak or all untrue.

If it was the word of man,
It would know the old ash pan.
When they tried to burn it all,
It was firm; it did not fall.

As it stood the test of fire,
It can win o'er man's desire.
Satan wants it weak today,
But it's here and here to stay.

It is for the faithful few,
Who are here His work to do.
Will you keep it in your heart,
And never from its rule depart?

If we ask them why they doubt,
This is what it's all about:
Man has grown so wise, they say,
He must have new plans today.

So, instead of molding man,
As we know is God's great plan,
They would mould the Word of Life,—
Cut it out as with a knife.

If you join them hand in hand
You will find but sinking sand,
For there is no strength in man
Given to improve God's plan.

If you venture without light,
You will feel the shades of night.
Satan smiles and bids you stay,
Bids you please the world today.

Keep God's word; it is the Light;
It can pierce the darkest night.
"Believe in God," said Jesus dear.
They who doubt have much to fear.

THE GOSPEL PREACHED IN ARGENTINA

Barisso, F. C. S., July 20.
(Received August 1, 1944)

Dear Miss Mitchell:

Your letter and the enclosed check were received some time ago. Thank you all very heartily. We were very glad to hear that you had good news from our son-in-law, John Mochar, forwarded through Brother Fred Stettler. We had not heard from them for a very long time. May the Lord preserve them and use them for His own glory even during this trying time. *The European Harvest Field*, No. 2, we received last week and were glad to read it. May the Lord bless richly all the workers in those different fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Kovalchuk

By God's mercy we continue our labors here as usual. In spite of all the difficulties facing us, He gladdens our hearts by seeing from time to time the souls giving themselves to God and accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Recently we had a special service in Berisso which the Lord blessed wonderfully. At the close of that service I was impressed by the Holy Spirit to give an invitation to those present to give themselves to God. Four souls stood up and accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. Thank God!

Will you, dear friends at home, please pray for these souls, that they may be able to overcome all temptations and be faithful to the Lord, whatever may come their way. You know how the devil tries his very best to hold them back from God and tempt them to continue in the way of sin!

A very intelligent old Russian lady, who came from Buenos Aires to attend that special meeting, was the first to give herself to Christ. She had lived in different European countries before coming to South America, and speaks several languages. She has a large family, for which she asks us to pray. Now she attends our services regularly in Buenos Aires and rejoices in her Saviour, Whom she has accepted. She also tries to bring her friends to our services. The last time I saw her, she asked special prayer that the Lord would give her more power and wisdom and grace to overcome those fiery temptations that she meets now after accepting Christ as her Saviour and Lord.

Another Russian lady, a widow, who accepted Christ as her Saviour, needs our prayers that the Lord will help her in her difficult life as a widow with one child.

One Ukrainian gave himself to Christ. His wife has been a Christian for two years. He had persecuted her and hated us much, but we continued praying for him and testifying to him of the Lord, and now he has accepted Christ as his Saviour. There was one other one, a Russian lady, who gave herself to Christ. Please pray for them all!

I am enclosing herewith our small picture, both of us together, which was made just recently for our registration at the United States Consulate in Buenos Aires.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN KOVALCHUK.

DAILY LIVING IN PALESTINE

Tel Aviv, Palestine, July 28.
(Received August 21)

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thanks for the cabled allowance, which came July 19. I appreciate the Society's added fifty dollars, especially at this time. It is making it possible for me to have a holiday in Jerusalem, and also to get some dental work done while I am here (evidently in Jerusalem). An American teacher wrote offering me a room in her school for a month at the same time as the cable remittance arrived. I feel it is just another token of the Lord's care, for it is so very difficult to get rooms at this time.

On Sunday afternoon we attended a meeting at the Bible Evangelistic Mission, where Miss Radford is in charge. You are a friend of Professor Fish at the National Bible Institute. Will you kindly tell him that Miss Radford was pleased with his remembering her, and that she also sends greetings back to him from Jerusalem. Rose Oldstein, a graduate of Wheaton, and Miss Brown, have both gone home to be with the Lord. Many Christians in New York and Chicago had asked me to find Rose. She worked in a school in Jaffa for one year, and she always came to my home on her rest days.

In the spring we had a good time of fellowship with the Hebrew Christian Alliance, at their conference. I became a member at that time. This teacher with whom I am staying is from Iowa. She is an old-fashioned Methodist who believes in the whole Word of God. This enclosed poem, ("Our Guide"), was written by her at a time when she had a revelation from the Lord in answer to prayer. She had asked for an explanation of Scripture passages from many men, and they had turned her aside with, "That's only a fairy tale and we must remember that most of the Bible was written for another age. We have advanced beyond that."

One passage was *Matt.* 10:37, 38: "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me."

Miss Woodiwiss has been working here on faith. She has a school for Jewish boys and girls, and keeps some as boarders. Her work is a very important and needy one.

"Our Hope" came last week. I enjoyed reading it, as well as some friends in Jaffa. Now, a friend has it here in Jerusalem. When she came to see me yesterday, her first question was, "Do you have an 'Our Hope'?" The only words I heard for the next half hour were, "How good this is!" She has taken it home to copy some of the articles.

In Jaffa, my room is not suitable for guests. It has been a problem to find a room where they can be free to study. *This is a request for prayer.* It is important that I have a small apartment for myself. Those tracts from the Moody Bible Institute which Mr. Hall sent to me are liked here. I loaned "Christie's Old Organ" to a young girl, and after she read it she earnestly said: "I, too, should like to accept Jesus as my Saviour, my Messiah." But so many traditions are keeping her mind and heart upset. That little story tells much of our Heavenly Home!

There is a great desire among the young people to read the Word and also to have it explained. Sincerely in Him,

JANE HALEY.

FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK MISSIONARIES

Willow River, Minn., July, 1944.

Dear Prayer-helpers:

Praise the Lord for the opportunity of a D.V.B.S., of which we may have another later on. It adds to our manifold duties, so that our friendly visit with you had to be delayed. Also a short letter, just received, had changed the tenor of this writing. Here it is, translated:

"Dear Friends: Have to tell you the sad news, that the Almighty God has called our dear grandfather to Himself. He will never, never return. To-day we buried him to eternal rest. May he rest in holy peace and may the eternal light shine for him. Amen

"I shall stay here a few days longer, then return to the farm to put things to order. Please to call on me. Yours, Mrs. M. L.

Do you feel the hopelessness through those pious expressions? It is all but put on, nothing real. They had taken the body to St. Paul, and it shows us, that the "grim reaper" does not stop in vacation time. He was one of the octogenarians, to whom we endeavoured to bring the true Light.

The last time we saw him, about four weeks ago, he was still about though growing weaker, since last winter. Though willing to listen to the Gospel, habitual religious thinking hindered his taking in the precious Truths. What a terrible chain the people are bound with. For one who has come to the Light, it seems so easy just to believe; yet it is God's Grace that makes it easy. These benighted people have been robbed of the trust in the Word of God. To them it is, "thus said the priest,"—not "thus said the LORD." We must leave it to Him, after having done what we could.

He is gone, but the wife remains, and her invitation to call is encouraging. She is younger, more robust, and calling us after the recent Romish funeral is encouraging. The priest usually takes advantage to stop all Gospel proclamation where he gets hold. Since there is possibility of her moving beyond our reach, we will have to act promptly, while she is willing.

Last winter surprised us, in that none of those for whom we felt some responsibility, has passed away. Two died before we could contact them, due to bad roads and lack of gas. But this death in Summer seems to presage a sad line of funerals among those lingering at the threshold of eternity. We crave your prayers on behalf of these aged ones, but also for ourselves, that effectual opening of mouth mav be granted us, and that the Holy Spirit may prepare the hearts to be receptive. Will it be too late?

This possibility constrained us to reach out in faith and order the loudspeaker, to be able to serve a number of such as are hard of hearing. Praise the Lord, we did not have to wait long for priority rating. Though it takes a while to get it in good order, we have already used it inour vicinity, much to the delight of the old lady visited. These hard hearing ones feel their handicap, but do not realize what they are missing in the spiritual and eternal values. May the Lord help us to bring it to them.

We greatly appreciate some contributions toward the loudspeaker cost already received, and trust all others will be provided also. It would be fine to have some good Gospel records, and a good battery, to be able to use the loudspeaker in several places where there is no electricity. It reduces the car battery too much, so we can't get the engine started.

We do value your standing with us in prayer, in this work for souls, and it would encourage us to hear from you also. Though the Lord is our joy and portion, one-sided correspondence is not very encouraging or inspiring. Will be looking for a few lines from you.

Yours because of Golgotha,

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES LUKESH.

THIS WAS PRAGUE, IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

One of the early countries siezed by the Nazi armies in this war was Czechoslovakia, where Charles and Edna Lukesh served the Lord for sixteen years and where many converts and Sunday School students will be glad to see these Missionaries again after war ceases and peace reigns. Prague, the capital of this republic of nearly 15,000,000 people, dates from the fourth century A.D., and one of the first universities in Europe was erected there. It has long boasted that it was the third city in the world for beauty, only surpassed by Lisbon and Constantinople. We wonder how much of its beauty and treasure still remain.

How can one help regretting the wreckage and sacking of much that made for the wealth and attractiveness of this 1500-year-old city. We regret still more the forcing out of our Missionaries after so many years of service to the Lord, but we are grateful for their transplanting in a new field among thousands of Czechs in Northern Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Lukesh have organized seven new C.-Z. Mission centers in a 150-mile area. We hope that our praying friends and supporters will occasionally remind themselves that Missionaries who labor among native Europeans in America will need our support the same as when abroad. They need our prayers also.

"THE MORE WE SPEND, . . . "

"The Finance Chairman of the C.I.O. Political Action Committee was quoted in an Altoona, Pennsylvania, speech recently as asserting that the Pennsylvania branch alone of the P.A.C. will collect $5,000,000, and he added:

" 'I hope we get $25,000,000. We want all we can get. The more we get, the more we can spend. The more we spend (etc.). It's as simple as that.' "

But $25,000,000 is not so much! Amos R. Wells said a time or two ago that we are now spending five and one-half billion dollars annually in this country for luxuries. He shows that $1,847,000,000 is spent for tobacco; $820.000,000 for soft drinks and ice cream; $934,000,000 for theatres, movies and similar amusements; $689,000,000 for candy; $87,000,000 for chewing gum; $453,000,000 for jewelry; $431,000,000 for sporting goods, toys, etc., and $261,000,000 for perfumes and cosmetics. The average family spends $200 annually for luxuries! The religious magazine from which this clipping was taken exclaims: "In comparison with these tremendous figures, how little is given by the average family for the work of the Lord!"

Just to continue this flow of high finance thinking, we bring in the figures of the July 3-29, 1944, Racing Tax Income from one track (Empire) collected by the State of New York, announced as being $3,232,278.29. That's for one short month, remember. What was the amount wagered? Oh, yes. It lacked only $236,116 of being $50,000,000! To put it in another form: The State of New York licensed its citizens (and others) to take $49,763,884 out of their pockets for betting on the races at the Empire State Track during the recent "meet" of July 3 to 29. There are other months, other states, other tracks, other pockets, other dollars, and other bettors. We attempt no (*grand*) totals.

A well-known radio broadcaster, always careful in his statements, totals the cost of this No. 2 World War as close to $300,000,000,000,—three hundred billion dollars! He made this statement at the very minute I was writing this article. Think of it! This enormous sum of money gathered in our country to wage a war against our fellow-man! So much of man's handiwork, skill, artistry in all the cities of continental Europe must be destroyed and so many lives lost!

But why bring such enormous sums of money before the readers of a Missionary magazine? Perhaps my reasoning is strange, but it seems so easy for those in power to obtain the great piles of cash they ask for, even when they make no secret that it will be used for the destruction of human bodies. We, too, want some money, and have been praying for it, and asking you to pray with us. How much do we need? It ought to be easy to answer that question.

Before World War No. 2 began, we had on our Missionary staff both native and foreign workers in nearly all those countries where the three hundred billion dollars or most of it is being spent. Immediately it cost us more than we had to bring these dear people out of danger. Some have preferred to stay on their fields; others have sought new fields, but still in Europe, or else where the refugees found new homes. Eight or ten thousand dollars would clear our obligations and place these workers back where the Lord was blessing their ministry. *That is one-five thousandth of the cash men handed out for betting at one track in twenty-six days;* most of it was on the wrong horse and over $3,000,000 went to the State Treasury.

But let's forget man's way of measuring values, and hear the Word of the Lord. Jesus Himself said to His disciples: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Those who have befriended this Missionary organization for the past twenty years and shared in the labors of its Missionaries are not interested in prize fights or horse racing or betting. They may buy war bonds as an investment and to sustain their fair share of the cost of wiping out some of the world evils. They certainly are vitally interested in the winning of souls. "He that winneth souls is wise."

Surely you will pray! Add to that the discovery of another friend to share in the costs of sustaining Missionaries in a country where wars are common, in an effort to bring the Peace of God. And continue to pray! $8,000-$10,000 against $300,000,000,000!

SOME ONE HAD PRAYED

The day was long; the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted—but I did not know
Some one had knelt in prayer,

Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He,
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,
The answer comes,—but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.

Some one had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,
Took hold of God and brought Him down that day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer!
Oh, let us pray!

—Courtesy "Good Housekeeping."

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REACHING INTO CAPTIVE COUNTRIES

Very Dear Miss Mitchell: Biel-Mett, Switzerland, May 11.

Just a few lines, after several months of silence, to let you know that the monthly remembrance from the Fellowship has punctually arrived via Amexco. Thank you one and all for the faithfulness. If the Lord wills and we shall some day be able to see you, we shall have much to tell you and to answer all the many questions.

The Stettler Family

The other day a letter arrived from the manager of the Missionary property at Radost. He told me that the house has been rented out for three years. He did not see any other way to do it. He lives in the city and could not go out into the country often enough to look after the property. He says that it was increasingly difficult to take care of the financial duties. Taxes and repairs were so high that it could not go on any further. Now he has rented it to a man who obligated himself to carry on the repairs and take care of the financial current expenses. Thus a man will be there to look after things. You remember that there was about a half-mile of fence around the property, and this has been stolen piece by piece by the poor people during the nights. He says that if there was no one living there and looking after matters, not a thing would be left over from the house. So terribly does the stealing go on! As it is at present, I must yet see that the debt of taxes that rests on the place is taken care of.

As to the work of the Lord there, he says that the meetings are well visited, and many seek and find salvation in Christ. They count it a joy to be privileged to experience the moving of the Holy Spirit among the people. They just had a wonderful addition to the church and baptismal service.

As to our own well-being, we have much cause to praise the Lord. I held some seven or eight series of Gospel meetings during the past winter. One I had to break because of illness. The flu demanded a heavy toll. In my own family, we had two and three constantly in bed. Now we are all well again.

Just recently I again held the annual Bible course for those who leave school. Daily for two weeks we had some five and six and more hours of Bible teaching. In the course of this time every one of the young people yielded to Christ except one. Last week some 5000 Gospel tracts came off the press. A while before some 2000 Scripture text cards, and previously 500 Scripture text cards were added. We can use them well in the letters we send to many of the friends at our former Mission field.

Mrs. Manetz has again and again asked whether any message had arrived from her husband. She is well and still dwells in the house and home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mocher. For many months I have regularly sent them an allowance which has helped them a great deal. They thank me every time. As long as the general fund permits this, I shall gladly help them in their dire need. Please greet Mr. Manetz and Mr. and Mrs. Mocher and especially from his Elfrieda. We often wonder what Mr. Faulkner is doing; also Miss Rhode. Please greet them heartily from us all.

Several brethren from England have from time to time sent me generous portions of Holy Writ. We could make good use of many hundred pounds. Mr. Mocher was very glad to get some of the New Testaments. This is a treasured book at their place. Regarding the financial side of the Mission work, I may only say that after the war I trust I shall be able to give you an exact account. We keep books. For the year 1942 we had spent for the Mission workers and on the Mission field some 5875 Swiss francs,—about $1400. During the year 1943 we expended about 3962 Swiss francs, or some $990. Our personal necessities are not included in these sums. We thank God that in the midst of the most terrible war God has carried us through and we are enabled to lend a helping hand to many of our fellow-workers.

Now I trust that these lines will find you well. Please greet the Board and our prayerful friends of the Mission who held us up in the past and have not forgotten us at the present. The Lord bless you and all. We remember you, too. Yours in the bonds of Christ. F. STETTLER.

It seems to us that a very natural thing for this extremely busy Missionary worker to do would be to put the story of these last few years into print. Meanwhile we thank the Lord that he and his family have been kept well, and that he has been able to maintain his family and home, and at the same time carry on so many series of evangelistic meetings, doing much personal work (note the example of his teachings of the annual Bible course and the many conversions). Meanwhile he has solicitously cared for other workers whom the Lord placed within his reach! Let us be praverfully anxious and solicitous for him and his daily needs, and requite him for his generous ministry to others.

General Secretary.

SOLDIER WISHES FOR MISSIONARY LABOR IN ISTANBUL

Camp Kohler, Cal., August 26.

Dear Christian Friend:

Your letter came as a surprise, and I thank God that some little word from my pen could be of some inspiration or help to some one. Yes, by all means, you can use what was written; and thanks for your words of encouragement. Thanks also for the copy of "The European Harvest Field."

Back in my mind I am wondering if some day I may be one of your Missionaries to the Near East, particularly to the city of Istanbul? All things in God's good time! Thanks for your prayers. WALTON UNANDER.

THE SOLDIER'S FORMER LETTER

United States Army, August 17.

Dear Friends:

It begins to look encouraging again over in Europe, with the latest news flash telling of a beach-head in Albania and another in Southern France. In one sense these places are connected with certain of your workers laboring in these places before the war broke out,—in my memory of reading your magazine. So here is a little straw in the wind,—$2.00 toward some one now laboring in a place already liberated. God is richly blessing out here in California, for which I praise Him. In His service, WALTON UNANDER.

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